

# Monroe Police Department

## Year End Report



2014



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## OUR VISION

**The Monroe Police Department strives to be an organization of value-oriented people reflective of our diversity, dedicated to serving the community with integrity, honor, and fairness that all may know justice, equality, and freedom under the law.**

## **Our Values**

**Employees of the Monroe Police Department are committed to the principles of duty, integrity, compassion, and professional growth.**

**We recognize the value of the tenets of:**

**Professionalism**

**Respect**

**Integrity**

**Dedication**

**Excellence**

**These values have been established through a collaborative effort among all personnel of this agency and are applied within the Monroe Police Department Mission Statement:**

## **Our Mission**

**The Monroe Police Department is dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in providing professional law enforcement services.**

# Chief's Message



*"We are committed to providing a high level of professional and courteous service to our community."*

I am pleased to present our 2014 Year End Report to you. This report highlights significant events that occurred each month and demonstrates our accomplishments and commitment to providing the highest quality police services possible to the community of Monroe. It is a great privilege to serve as Chief of a department that continually strives for professional excellence.

The officers of the Monroe Police Department are men and women of integrity, character and courage. We are committed to providing a high level of professional and courteous service to our community. Our officers understand that to be successful, we must work closely with our community in our efforts to strengthen trust and reduce crime. Our Department also constantly works to improve efficiencies through the use of technology and innovation in order to provide vital core services in a timely and professional manner. Some recent additions this year include SMART 911 where Citizens can register their phones to automatically send information to 911, the use of social media where you can follow us on Twitter @MonroePolice, and on-line crime reporting ([www.MyCrimeReport.us](http://www.MyCrimeReport.us)). In 2014 we also purchased two motorcycles and started our first Motor Traffic Unit to target our school zones and traffic problems in our City.

It is an exciting time for our Department as we move forward. Working together with the community, we can continue to make Monroe a safe place to live, work, and learn. I look forward to 2015 by gratefully serving the Monroe community, as I speak on behalf of all of us here who pledge to maintain our highest standards and loyalty to our citizens.





## EMPLOYEE AWARDS OUR VISION

During the **2014 Monroe Police Department Awards** Ceremony, **Chief Quenzer** presented awards to the following individuals:

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS:** Persons who have served the City in outstanding manner, either through a continued high level of service over a period of time, or through special effort and accomplishments in a particular project or task during the past year.

**Sergeant Ryan Irving** was recognized for his dedicated efforts in organizing the annual National Night Out Against Crime.



**Community Service Officer LaDonna Whalen** was recognized for her valuable contributions to numerous community events that serve the citizens of Monroe.



**Administrative Director Debbie Willis and Administrative Manager Sherri Simonson** were recognized for their excellent work in establishing the Monroe Municipal Court.

### LETTERS OF COMMENDATION:

- ♦ **Officer Justin Springer** was commended for his response to an unruly student at the Monroe High School.
- ♦ **Officers Travis Block and Javier Patton** were recognized for their response to an attempted suicide.
- ♦ **Officer James Hand** was recognized for his proactive work leading to multiple arrests and the recovery of stolen property.
- ♦ **Customer Service Specialist Eloisa Rodriguez** was recognized for taking on additional responsibilities during another employee's leave of absence as well as serving in a lead role.
- ♦ **Investigative Assistant Monica Sandoval** was recognized by the Snohomish County Sheriff's Department for her assistance in bilingual transcription for a homicide investigation.
- ♦ **Volunteer Greg Gentry** was recognized for his outstanding volunteer work for the Monroe Police Department.



## JANUARY

### OUR VISION

#### 1.4.2014 — Promotion

Sergeant Paul Ryan was officially sworn in before the City of Monroe Council as a patrol sergeant on January 4th. Sgt. Ryan is a ten year veteran of the police department.

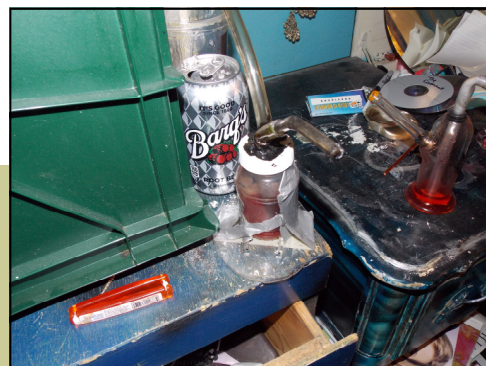


#### 1.7.2014 — Pursuit

Monroe Officers responded to assist the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office with a fleeing burglary suspect. Spike strips were used to end the pursuit and the suspect was found later that morning in the bathroom at a business two blocks away from his abandoned vehicle.

#### 1.22.2014 — Search Warrant

The Monroe PD ProAct/Patrol served a search warrant on a residence in the 500 block of Lewis Street. Drug paraphernalia, meth and stolen property was seized. Two subjects were arrested and booked on warrants. Ongoing nuisance property investigation.



#### 1.26.2014—Jayme Biendl Run

The 3rd annual Jayme Biendl run had approximately 500 participants and raised over \$9,000 for the Behind the Badge Foundation.



**FEBRUARY**

## OUR VISION

**2.11.2014—Swearing-In Ceremony**

Officers Travis Block, James Hand, and Devin Tucker were sworn in as Police officers before the City of Monroe council.

Officers Block & Hand graduated from the law enforcement academy in September 2013 and Officer Tucker completed the academy in October 2013.

**2.22.2014—Buzz Inn Robbery**

Monroe Officers responded to a robbery at the Buzz Inn Steakhouse. When officers arrived they discovered that an employee had been zip tied and was found in the hallway outside the men's restroom. An undetermined amount of money had been taken from the office safe. This incident is still under investigation.

**2.26.2014—5 Vehicle Collision**

A driver was believed to have suffered a medical emergency when he collided with four vehicles that were waiting in the left turn lane heading westbound on SR 2 at Lewis Street.



**MARCH / APRIL**

OUR VISION

**3.12.2014—Experimental Plane  
Loses Propeller**

Police and fire responded to the Firstair Field airport in the City of Monroe after a citizen saw a plane go down and called 911. The 50-year old male from Duvall explained that shortly after take off his propeller fell off and he attempted to glide the plane back to the runway but was unable to do so. The pilot was not injured.

**4.15.2014—New Recruit**

Trevor Larson was hired as a police recruit on April 15, 2014. He began his training at the WSCJTC Basic Law Enforcement Academy in July 2014. His graduation from the academy took place on December 9, 2014.

**MAY**

OUR VISION

**5.2.2014—Employee Recognition**

Sergeant Rick Dunn was recognized by the Behind the Badge Foundation and Governor Jay Inslee for his heroic response to a possible suicide call on June 24, 2013 where he saved a man's life.



## MAY CONTINUED...

OUR VISION

### 5.13.2014—Swearing-In Ceremony

Officer Adam Wolf was sworn in before the City of Monroe Council as a patrol officer. He also serves as an active reserve with the United States Department of the Army.



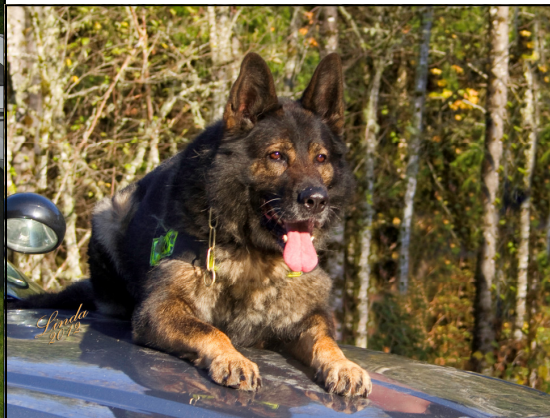
### 5.13.2014—Employee Recognition

Detective Tim Buzzell was recognized for his 20 years of service with the Monroe Police Department.

### 5.13.2014—K-9 Retirement

K-9 Joker (Joker von Haus Katernberg) was honored for his nine years of service with the Monroe Police Department. He was often called upon to track suspects in burglaries, domestic violence cases and assaults. He also assisted the Monroe Special Emergency Response Team (SERT) on many high-risk entries. He worked with Officer Carswell since 2007 and will be spending his retirement at the home of Officer Carswell and his family.

The city of Monroe and surrounding areas have benefited greatly from Joker's efforts and we will miss K-9 Joker and his true professionalism and drive.





**MAY CONTINUED...**

OUR VISION

**5.21.2014—Search Warrant**

The ProAct Unit conducted a traffic stop leading to an arrest for possession of a controlled substance. The search warrant on the vehicle led officers to a storage shed outside of the City where multiple rifles and a large amount of jewelry, etc. was found as well as suspected merchandise from some Eastside burglaries.

**5.22.2014—Stolen Motorcycle, Gun Recovered**

Monroe Police Officers were dispatched to a trespass call after a neighbor saw a male and female enter an abandoned home in the 16500 block of 150th St SE in Monroe. Officers on scene saw a male attempt to flee through the house and out the back door. Upon learning the officer had a K-9 tracking dog, the suspects gave up and officers took both into custody. The suspects were arrested for burglary and possession of a stolen vehicle. A stolen motorcycle was recovered as well as a stolen handgun, 20 grams of heroin and some cash.



JUNE

OUR VISION

### 6.18.2014—Academy Graduation

Officer Derrick Lether graduated from the WSCJTC Basic Law Enforcement Academy on June 18th. Following graduation he entered his field training period which consists of three phases, equaling approximately 582 hours in addition the 720 hour Basic Law Enforcement Academy. The last phase being release to solo patrol where they are placed on a team with a Shift Sergeant.



### 6.24.2014—K-9 Tracker

Nuke, the department's newest K-9 tracker, was recognized at Council. Nuke completed his 420 hours of instruction with his handler, Officer Jason Southard, in April. The majority of Nuke's purchase came from the Community with donations to the Monroe K-9 fund.

The Cascade Animal Clinic in Monroe presented Nuke with a bulletproof vest at the council meeting. The vest was purchased by the clinic including money donated from many of the clinic's clients.





## JUNE CONTINUED

OUR VISION

### Senior Volunteer Program

The Monroe Police Department began a Senior Volunteer Program in partnership with the East County Senior Center. There are currently four active volunteers who contributed over 200 hours in 2014. Part of their duties include patrolling local parks, parking lots, performing speed checks, and delivering paperwork to the court.



## JULY ♦♦♦♦♦

### 7.22.14—Burglary Arrest

Monroe Police Officers were dispatched to a burglary call at the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Chain Lake Road. Through the course of investigation several of the stolen items were recovered from area pawn shops. An arrest was made on August 5th for Possession of Stolen Property.



### 7.25.2014—Narcotics K-9 Team

Officer Joe Stark and K-9 Jet completed the required Narcotics K-9 training. K-9 Jet has been with the department since early 2012. This is the first K-9 assignment for Officer Stark.





AUGUST

OUR VISION



8.5.2014

The National Night Out Against Crime event is held the first Tuesday of August. National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight to build a safer community. This event was co-sponsored by the Monroe Rotary and Monroe Police Department.



**Rotary**  
Club of Monroe





## SEPTEMBER

### OUR VISION



### 9.3.2014—New Recruit

Recruit Pam Baker started the WSCJTC Basic Law Enforcement Academy. She was hired by the Monroe Police Department on May 13, 2014.

### 9.9.2014—Walk Your Kids to School

Walk Your Kids to School Day is sponsored by the Monroe Police Department and Monroe School District. This annual event is designed to help student walkers band together, join up with police personnel and continue their walk to school.



### 9.14.2014—Monroe Police vs. Fire Flag Football Fundraiser

Monroe Police beat the Fire Department 20 to 15 during a flag football fundraiser game for the Monroe Boys and Girls Club. The event raised nearly \$4,000 for the Boys and Girls Club.



### 9.25.2014—Vehicle/Pedestrian Collision

An 82 year-old pedestrian was struck and killed by a Community Transit bus while crossing Main Street to attend a play at Frank Wagner Auditorium.

## OCTOBER

OUR VISION



Monroe citizens can now use online reporting through [MyCrimeReport.us](http://MyCrimeReport.us) for incidents such as abandoned vehicles, thefts w/ no known suspects, vandalism, graffiti, vehicle prowling, etc. Using this system allows citizens to submit a report immediately and print a copy of the police report for free.

**Motor Traffic Unit** - On March 11th, 2014, the Council approved the purchase of two motorcycles and equipment to form a motor traffic unit to address public safety and traffic concerns. Officers Javier Patton & Darryl Stamey completed the Basic Police Motorcycle Operator Course in October.

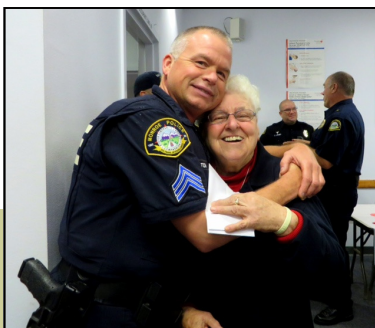
## NOVEMBER

**11.20.2014— Citizen's Academy**

Twenty-four citizens graduated from the Monroe Police Department Citizen's Academy. The Citizen's Academy is an eight-week course to provide Monroe community members an academy setting with first-hand information about how their Police Department works.



**11.17.2014—11.21.2014**  
**Police & Fire Appreciation Week**



The annual "Police & Fire Appreciation Week" took place through the organization of the chaplains and other members of the community. This also gives our officers a chance to interact with kids in our schools.





## DECEMBER

## OUR VISION

### 12.3.2014—Plane Flip

Police & fire responded to a plane upside down in a field at the Firstair Field airport. The pilot, a 66-year-old male from Monroe, was attempting a landing at the airfield when the plane left the runway to the left, flipping onto its top.



### 12.3.2014—Bicyclist-Pickup Collision

A bicyclist, a 63-year-old male, was transported to Harborview Medical Center with critical injuries after being struck by a truck on SR 2.

### 12.8.2014—K-9 Brutus

K-9 Brutus was laid to rest following health complications. Brutus, a black Labrador retriever joined the agency in March of 2003 and was assigned to partner with Sergeant Ryan Irving. Brutus was an effective partner, bringing a multitude of extensive narcotics finds and search warrants, seizing drugs based solely upon canine alerts. K-9 Brutus retired from the department in May 2010, to live permanently with his handler, Sergeant Ryan Irving and family. He will be missed by those that worked with him and a community that enjoyed watching him work.



## OUR VISION

# NATIONAL INCIDENT BASED REPORTING

The Monroe Police Department collects crime statistics using a system called the **National Incident Based Reporting System** or **NIBRS**. Since 1930, the FBI has administered the Uniform Crime Reporting Program using statistics supplied by the various states.

<b>NIBRS Offenses</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	1	0	-100.00%
Forcible Sex Offenses	16	12	-25.00%
Robbery	7	11	57.14%
Aggravated Assault	45	47	4.44%
Simple Assault	142	118	-16.90%
Intimidation	3	3	0.00%
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	0	3	0.00%
Kidnapping	1	1	0.00%
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	92	65	-29.35%
Arson	2	6	200.00%
Larceny	447	564	26.17%
Motor Vehicle Theft	82	72	-12.20%
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0.00%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	25	11	-56.00%
Fraud	43	80	86.05%
Embezzlement	4	0	-100.00%
Stolen Property Offenses	22	35	59.09%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	185	141	-23.78%
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	145	156	7.59%
Pornography/Obscene Material	2	0	-100.00%
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0.00%
Prostitution Offenses	0	0	0.00%
Bribery	0	0	0.00%
Weapon Law Violations	13	10	-23.08%
Totals	1277	1335	4.54%

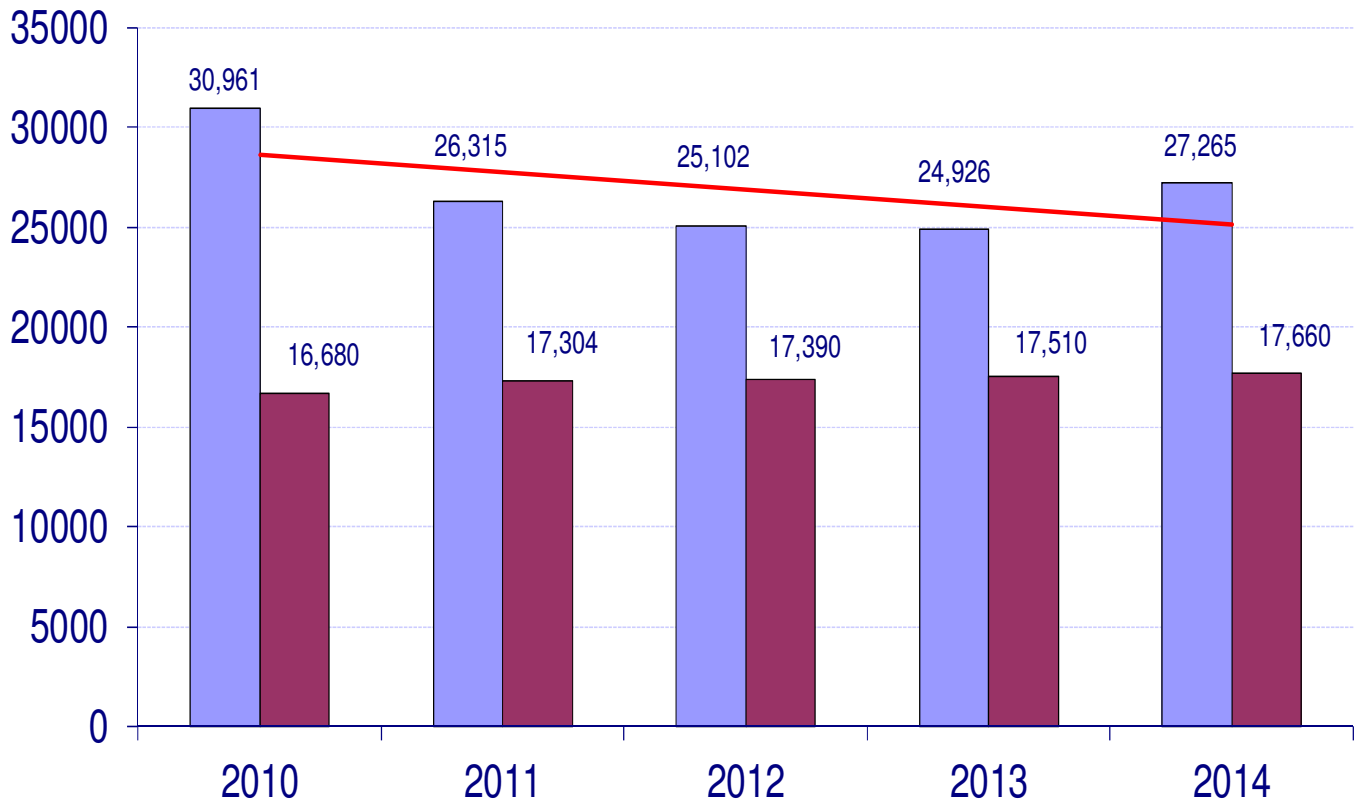


**CALLS FOR SERVICE**

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**Calls for Service vs Population**

■ Calls For Service ■ Population



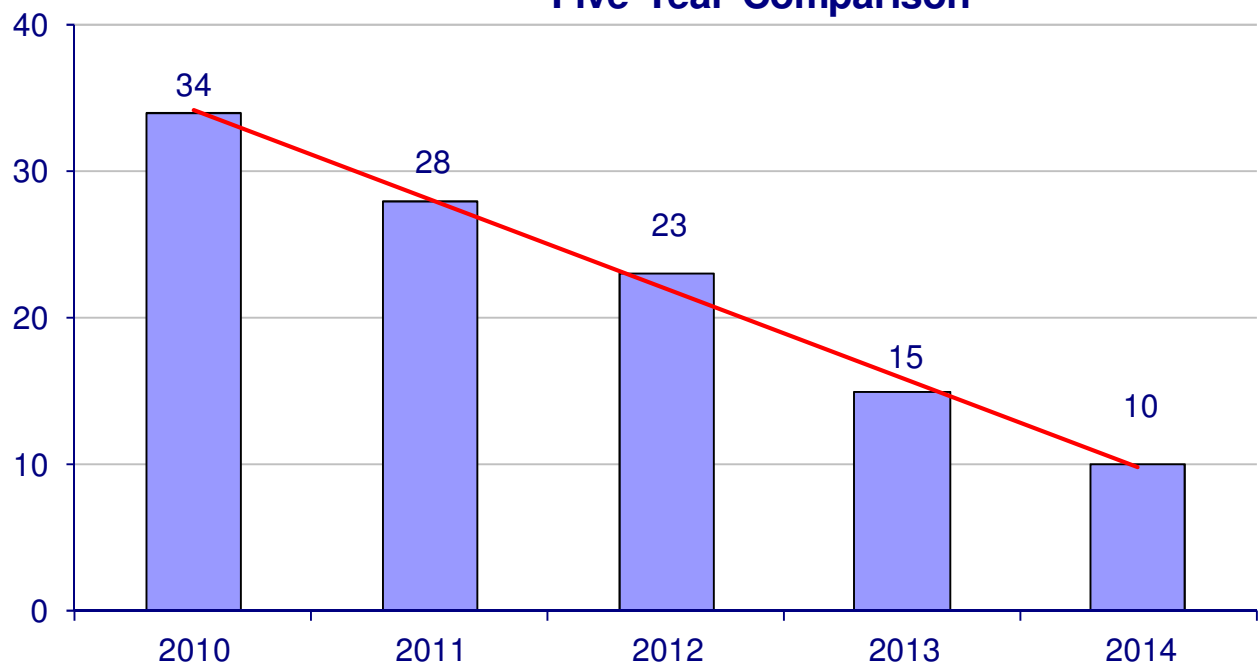
Calls for service reflect both calls that officers are dispatched to as well as calls that they self-initiate during the course of their duties.



## PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT

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### Professional Standards Unit (PSU) Investigations Five Year Comparison



The **Professional Standards Unit (PSU)** oversees the formal process of handling complaints. This process is used for internal and external complaints. After the initial complaint is received it is investigated and based on the findings of the preliminary investigation a recommendation is made to either close the complaint as unfounded, handle it at the supervisory level or send it forward for a full investigation.

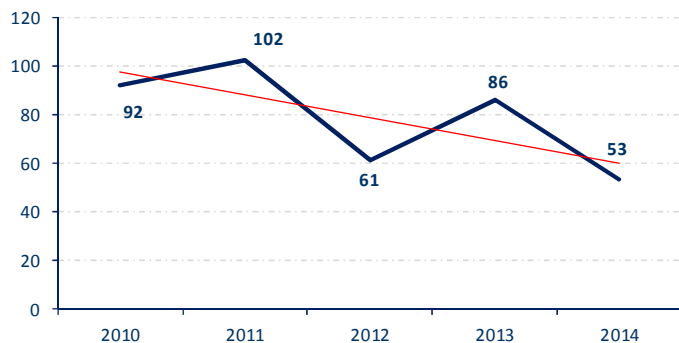




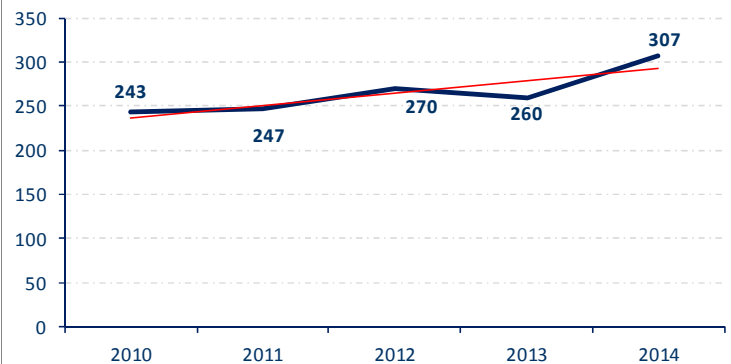
## TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

VIOLATION	NUMBER OF DRIVERS CONTACTED
Speeding 06-10 MPH over the posted limit	399
Speeding 11-15 MPH over the posted limit	236
Operating motor vehicle without insurance	221
Use of cell phone while driving	199
Overtime parking	173
Driving without a valid driver's license	159
Expired vehicle license	108
Failure to wear seatbelt	99
Failure to obey traffic control device	75
Unauthorized parking in a handicap stall	67
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,736</b>

### DUI Arrests



### Collisions Investigated



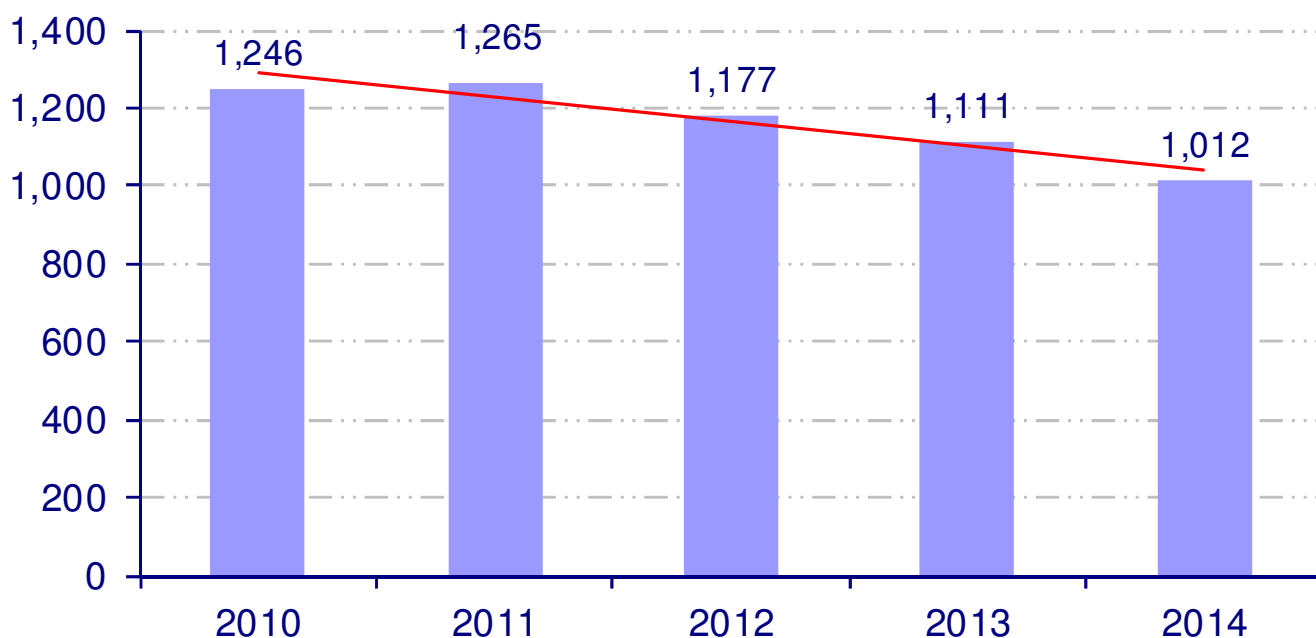
## TOP TEN ARREST TYPES

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OFFENSE	ARRESTS
Warrant	251
Theft	144
Assault	117
Possession of Controlled Substance	80
Driving Under the Influence	50
Driving While License Suspended	37
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	27
Trespassing	18
Malicious Mischief	13
Possession of Stolen Property	13



## Total Arrests





## COMMUNITY EVENTS

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### SHOP WITH A COP

The first annual “Shop with a Cop” event took place with 10 children participating. “Shop with a Cop” was an opportunity for Monroe Police Officers to make a positive contribution to the community by sharing Christmas with children and families who are in need. The event occurred the weekend before Christmas taking place at Fred Meyer and Walmart, followed by a complimentary meal at McDonald’s. The children were given money at the store and allowed to spend it as they wished on gifts for themselves and their family members.



## Soccer Camp

MPD participated in the first inaugural community-partnership soccer camp where many different organizations partnered together to offer free soccer lessons to children and adult education classes for the parents offered in both Spanish and English.



## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Monroe Police Department participated in the 2014 Red Robin “Tip a Cop” campaign benefiting Washington Special Olympics. This is an annual fundraiser that takes place every October. The main objective of Special Olympics is to provide a year-round program of sports training and competition for children and adults with disabilities.

## City of Monroe Egg Hunt

The 18th Annual Monroe Community Egg Hunt was held at Lake Tye Park. This event included free activities such as face painting, bouncy house, fun games, and arts and crafts.







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